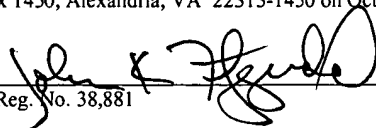




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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed with A Request for Continued Examination of Serial No. 10/788,784, with regard to the final action of May 4, 2006 and the Advisory Action of July 24, 2006. A two-month extension of time is enclosed. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendment and reconsideration of the claims.

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